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REPORTS

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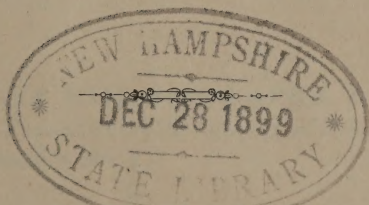
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,

OF THE

TOWN OF BROOKLINE, N. H.

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st. 1884.



HOLLIS, N. H.  
PRINTED BY J. C. HILDRETH.  
1884.

THE  
RECORD  
OF THE  
CITY OF  
NEW YORK  
FOR THE  
YEAR 1882

NEW YORK  
1883

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Whole amount of assessments chargeable to to the			
Treasurer, including State, County, Town, Dog,			
Library, School and School District Tax,	\$3 228 56		
Literary fund money,	64 77		
Savings Bank Tax,	540 48		
Rail Road Tax,	7 80		
Received from Hobart Kendall & Co. rent of			
Town House, to March 10, 1884,	100 00		
.. for Hay cut in South Cemetery,	5 00		
.. .. Lumber cut in West ..	36 96		
Due form Levi Gould & Son,	10 00	\$3 993 57	

Orders drawn to pay incidental bills due previous to  
April 1, 1883.

### *Paid*

J. C. Hildreth, Printing Reports, 1882,	17 00	
Fred F. Wright, . . . Checklist, and journey		
to Nashua,	8 50	
E. Farnsworth, for work on Highway in 1882,	6 30	
E. T. Hall, Watering place to Apr. 1, 1883,	3 00	

### SNOW BILLS.

J. A. Hall	and cash paid others,	5 25	
O. Wright	.. .. .	3 90	
F. F. Wright	.. .. .	11 27	
E. S. Cleaveland	.. .. .	5 55	
W. J. French,		8 81	
I. F. Lund,		5 70	75 28

### BILLS PAID SINCE APRIL 1, 1883.

Expenditures for support of Schools.

Paid School District No. 1	152 91	
.. .. . 2	48 65	
.. .. . 3	183 63	
.. .. . 4	423 65	
.. .. . 5	82 56	
.. .. . 6	121 28	
.. .. . 7	54 32	1 067 00



## LITERARY FUND MONEY.

Paid School District No. 1	9 48	
.. .. 3	16 19	
.. .. 4	27 25	
.. .. 5	2 37	
.. .. 6	7 11	
.. .. 7	2 37	64 77
Paid School District No. 4 Special Tax,	90 00	
.. .. 5	40 00	
.. .. 7	35 00	165 00
.. State Tax,		648 00
.. County Tax,		494 35
.. Trustees of Town Library,		100 00

## SUPPORT OF POOR.

A. S. Wallace, Med. attend. on Henry Bohonon and family,	23 05	
Samuel Swett, groceries furnished .. ..	63 78	
J. A. Hall, wood .. ..	7 50	
A. S. Betterly, .. ..	4 50	
Kendall A. Shattuck, house rent, .. ..	11 67	110 50

## EXPENSES OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

G. W. Bridges, Engine men, in full to April 1, 1883,	130 00	
A. Seaver, services as Steward, to Apr. 1, 1883,	10 00	
J. A. Hall, rent of Engine House,	25 00	
N. Hobart, serv. as Engineer and cash paid out,	5 90	
Boston Belting Co., for Suction Hose,	27 98	
J. S. Cox, drawing Engine to fire,	1 00	199 88

## HIGHWAY AND BRIDGES.

C. A. Stickney, lumber for bridge near E. T. Hall & Co's. Mill,	71 00	
E. T. Hall & Co., lumber and labor for same,	11 50	
C. S. Dunbar, labor and cash paid out for same,	17 75	100 25
C. S. Dunbar, lumber, labor and cash paid out for bridge near Withy place,	7 30	
C. S. Dunbar, work and cash paid out,	12 75	
E. S. Cleaveland, .. ..	23 50	
R. G. Russell, .. ..	29 74	
P. L. Pierce, .. ..	23 07	
Lot Colburn, .. ..	16 80	

J. A. Hall,	.. ..	12 53	
Wm. B. Rockwood,	.. ..	12 00	
Wm. Wallace,	.. ..	14 34	
I. F. Lund,	.. ..	10 05	
A. W. Corey,	.. ..	5 62	167 70

## BURIAL OF DEAD.

J. A. Hall, burying 9 Persons,	47 50	
.. .. 2 ..	11 80	59 30

## SERVICES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

C. S. Dunbar, Selectman,	60 00	
D. D. Rockwood, ..	55 00	
A. W. Corey, ..	55 00	
A. A. Hall, Town Clerk,	25 00	
F. D. Sargent, Supt. School Committee,	40 00	
Wm. J. Smith, Town Treasurer,	20 00	
W. F. Rockwood, Collector of Taxes, 1883,	65 00	
Messrs Hall, Corey and Tucker, Auditors,	4 00	324 00

## ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Fred Stone, Poll Tax, 1879,	1 10	
Sumner Burgess, .. 1881,	1 15	
Henry Annis, .. 1882,	95	
Samuel Sanford, .. ..	95	
Geo. L. Wilbor, .. ..	95	
Elmor Sulloway, .. ..	95	
Will Nichols, .. ..	95	7 00

## INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

A. A. Hall, returning marriages and deaths,	9 25	
A. S. Wallace, certificates of births and deaths,	8 75	
C. S. Dunbar, Council, Tax Book, and journey to Nashua,	12 72	
W. A. Hobart, Watering place,	3 00	
Lot Colburn, ..	3 00	
Mrs. E. J. Rideout, ..	3 00	
J. A. Hall, ..	1 50	
J. Needham, ..	2 50	
Mrs. L. P. Peabody, .. 2 years,	5 00	
I. M. Williams, post and railing by H. T. Pierce's house, and building same,	34 37	
C. P. Hall, Library, Selectmen's room and wood,	20 00	
.. .. nails, glass, etc.	1 26	

J. A. Hall, housing Hearse,	8 00	
S. J. Thompson, lodging two men,	1 50	
P. W. Gould, for boy lighting Street Lamps,	2 00	
Samuel Swett, Nails,	2 65	
C. S. Dunbar, Chairman of Committee on Tucker Legacy,	30 41	
C. S. Dunbar, work in West Cemetery and cash paid out, as per bill,	33 74	
W. F. Rockwood, oil, chimneys &c for St. lamps	9 52	
.. .. discount on taxes, over and above interest charged,	3 74	195 91

## RECAPITULATION.

Last annual assessment,	3 228 56	
Literary Fund money,	64 77	
Savings Bank Tax,	540 48	
Rail Road Tax,	7 80	
Received from Hobart, Kendall & Co., rent of Town House, to March 10, 1884,	100 00	
Received for hay in South Cemetery,	5 00	
.. .. lumber in West ..	36 96	
Due from Levi Gould & Son,	10 00	3 993 57

*Paid:—*

Bills due April 1, 1882,	75 28	
For Support of Schools,	1 067 00	
Literary Fund money,	64 77	
Special District Tax, in No. 4, 5 and 7,	165 00	
State Tax,	648 00	
County Tax,	494 35	
Trustees of Town Library,	100 00	
Support of Poor,	110 50	
Expenses of Fire Department,	199 88	
Repair Bridge near E. T. Hall's Mill,	100 25	
Highway and Bridges,	167 70	
Burial of Dead,	59 30	
Services of Town Officers,	324 00	
Abatement of Taxes,	7 00	
Incidental Expenses,	195 91	3 778 94

Leaving a balance in favor of the Town of \$214 63

CHARLES S. DUNBAR,	} Selectmen of Brookline.
DAVID D. ROCKWOOD,	
ALBERT W. COREY.	



# AUDITORS REPORT.

W. J. Smith, as Treasurer, in account with the town of Brookline, for the year ending March 1, 1884.

Mr. Smith charges himself with cash and other effects received by him during the year as follows, viz :—

Cash in Treasury at Commencement of year,	556 17	
State Bonds,	3 600 00	
J. A. Hall's Note,	500 00	
Int. on . . . . .	30 00	
Int. on Bonds,	216 00	
Cash rec'd Rail Road Tax,	7 80	
.. Savings Bank Tax	540 48	
.. Hobart and Kendall Rent,	100 00	
.. Literary Fund,	64 77	
.. Committee South Cemetery,	5 00	
.. .. West ..	36 96	
.. of Collector Rockwood,	3 028 56	
.. .. .. due 1882	289 52	
.. .. .. Int. on same,	11 23	8 986 49

Mr. Smith credits himself as follows, viz :—

Cash paid State Tax,	648 00	
.. County Tax,	494 35	
.. Trustees of Library,	100 00	
.. For schooling.	1 083 12	
.. Dist. No. 4, Special Tax,	130 00	
.. .. 5, .. ..	40 00	
.. .. 7, .. ..	35 00	
.. Order of Selectmen,	1 231 01	
.. Outstanding order in favor of A. S. Wallace,	3 00	
State Bonds, in Treasury,	3 600 00	
J. A. Hall's Note,	500 00	
Cash in Treasury,	1 122 01	8 986 49
Last Annual Assessment,		3 228 56
Amount paid in by Collector Rockwood,	3 028 56	
Due from .. ..	200 00	3 228 56

We certify that we have examined Treasurer Smith's and Collector Rockwood's accounts and vouchers, and find them in all respects correct.

ALPHA A. HALL,  
EDWARD C. TUCKER, } Auditors,  
C. N. COREY.

Finacial condition of the town of Brookline, Mar. 1, 1884.

Cash now in Treasury,	1 122 01	
State Bonds	3600 00	
J. A. Hall's Note,	500 00	
Due from Collector Rockwood,	200 00	5422 01

The Town is iudebted as follows :—

Due School dist. No. 2,	100 71	
Order in favor of James French,	8 81	109 52

Leaving a balance in favor of Town, of	<hr/>	5 312 49
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ALPHA A. HALL,	}	Auditors.
E. C. TUCKER,		
C. N. COREY.		



# REPORT

OF THE

## SUPERINTENDENT OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Again it becomes our duty to submit to the citizens a report of the Schools, indicating as well as we are able the present condition and the progress of the year.

No one can stand at the head of the department of public instruction in a town even as small as our own, without being impressed with the vital importance of thoroughness of training and a well regulated system.

Three years ago, when we reluctantly assumed the duties of Superintendent of Schools, we had little faith in the present system under which our schools were conducted.

Three years of experience with the schools has deepened this conviction and made us more pronounced in the opinion, that so long as we have a town within a town, a school system which delegates authority to separate jurisdictions that are never questioned so far as returns are demanded, just so long shall we find poor schools and unsatisfactory results.

It is almost impossible to tabulate results or even to give a statement that shall show in proper form the progress that is made in our schools from year to year, on account of the frequent change in Teachers and the lack of arrangement or classification of studies. We are aware that arguments are advanced in favor of the plan upon which the schools are conducted and the history of the past made the medium of proof of the value of the present system. We do not underrate these opinions or despise the past, but we do most decidedly respect the present demands and the needs of the hour.

As a Massachusetts Educator has said "We may broadly divide all people who give any thought to school matters into two classes. The first believe that the attainable has been reached, that all resources have been exhausted, that every thing has been done that can be done, that the schools are as good to day as they ever can be. The other class while rejoicing in every thing thus far accomplished believe in a future filled with progress. They see no reason why as other sciences advance toward completeness, the science of education should alone stand halting. They are radical not because of a desire to tear down structures or cast aside all the traditions of the past but because progress

demands that somebody shall assume the often ungracious task of modifying or sometimes vigorously combating existing beliefs and prejudices."

We cannot see how there can be progress in the science of education in our town while the schools are under the management of cliques or open to the freaks of prejudiced or quarrelsome minds. When a school is made well nigh a total failure on account of district broils, when people allow the mere matter of personal grievance and petty opinion to stand between them and a teacher's success: when the school room is made the place where the bickerings and piques of district strife are discussed and ventilated, you may look in vain for good schools and satisfactory expenditure of school money. There is no use of disguising the truth, that some of our schools have been well nigh a failure, for reasons that have their causes in personal prejudice and district strife.

It may not be wise to enter into details in this matter, since we entertain the hope and belief that the evils of the present system of schools are sufficiently understood and recognized, to warrant its abolishment, and the introduction of a Board of Education, that is so deservedly popular, that while not demanded by the laws of our State, receives the hearty commendation of nearly every town that has adopted it.

Too much cannot be said regarding the importance of thoroughly trained and competent teachers. It is poor economy to employ as teachers those whose chief recommendation is, low wages. The day ought to be past when teachers engage in their work for the purpose of merely supplementing their income.

No teacher, as a rule can be successful who does not make teaching a profession. A jack at all trades may be a type of the conventional Yankee, but we do not need and should not tolerate such specimens as teachers in our public schools. It cannot be denied that a large proportion of our teachers, entering upon this work of so great importance, do so without any, or at least with very little special training for teaching. In too many instances there has been no disposition to acquire new ways or theories or even to perfect the crude forms of which they had a slight knowledge. It is true we have had good teachers who began without experience and they have become good by experimenting, but still it is too true that the success of our schools as far as it has been attained has been reached in spite of, rather than on account of, any previous and technical drill. To meet this difficulty in the

future, teachers whose ability is unquestioned should be placed in charge of our schools, and generously supported.

No teacher can afford to render service for a town 24 weeks of the year for the weekly stipend of \$3.00 and board. There is need of looking at this matter from a business stand point and by the use of a little arithmetic find out what would be a living and fair salary for the year and make the sum sufficiently ample so that the services of a good teacher can be retained for a series of years. Let the town through its authorized agents put into our public schools teachers who are in demand and then expect results in the way of teaching that can be both tabulated and recognized.

Do away with the flimsy argument that the schools must be officered and conducted on the plan and basis of a century ago, and put them in a line, so far as teachers and modern methods are concerned, with the most advanced and enterprising towns in our state.

Very little has been done this past year in the way of introduction of new books or new methods. By a favorable arrangement with the Publishers a revised Franklin's Reader has been put into our schools without any cost to the scholars. We have also advised the introduction of a new book in Language Lessons and Prose Composition. The aim has been to put the schools in the way of attaining practical knowledge. Especial prominence has been given to Prose Composition, and commendable progress attained in that department.

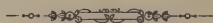
While difficulties have occurred during the past year and some schools have been partial successes, in most cases all has been accomplished that could be reasonably expected.

We trust that the lessons of the past may be the helps by which the schools of the future shall be economically and faithfully managed to the satisfaction of the parents and guardians and the advancement of the pupils. On the following pages will be found the Roll of Honor and the tabulated statement of the schools.

F. D. SARGENT, Supt. of Schools.



# ROLL OF HONOR.



This list represents those scholars who have neither been absent or tardy during a term of school.

Those marked with a \* for two terms, those with a † for three.

## District No. 1.

Mary E. Rockwood, † Maude A. Stickney, Lucretia E. Pierce,  
Clara B. Rockwood. †

## District No. 3.

Jennie L. Elms, Mary E. Farnsworth, Alice B. Farnsworth,  
Edith L. Shattuck, Mattie R. Shattuck, Lottie C. Shattuck,  
Clarence C. Shattuck, Elva I. Shattuck, Willie H. Shattuck, \*  
Morton A. Kline, John H. Kline, Charles C. Russell, \*  
Elno D. Lancey.

## District No. 4. Grammar Department.

Lillie G. Ball, \* Fannie Cox, Jennie F. Gilson, \* Mabel F.  
Randall, † Mabel S. Tucker, † Estella E. Carrier, † Mabel  
Gould, † Florence N. Hobart, \* Bertha A. Swett, † Alice  
Hillman, \*

## District No. 4. Primary Department.

Flora A. Barnes, Georgie M. Smith, Andrew D. Rockwood, \*  
Bertha L. Sargent, May Hillman, Annie L. Coyle, Genie A.  
Rideout, Frankie H. Hillman, \* Lula E. Hall, George H.  
Peabody, Bertie A. Preston.

## District No. 5.

Effie A. Pierce.

## District No. 6.

George W. Stickney, Charles M. Wilkins, \* Herbert J. Hall, \*  
Freddie Nye, \* Freddie Hutchinson, Frank H. Burnham,  
Ernest Nye, Florence L. Hutchinson, Hattie M. Wilkins.

## District No. 7.

Bertha A. Wright.

Number of District.	Names of Prudential Committee.	Names of Teachers.	Residences of Teachers.	Number of Terms.	No. of weeks of school.	Whole number of scholars.	Average attendance.	Wages of teachers per week.	Town appropriation.	Literary Fund.	Average cost per week per scholar.
1	P. L. Pierce .....	Clara R. Gill .....	Pepperell, Mass	3	25	10	9	\$6 00	159 91	9 48	60
2		G. M. Robbins .....	Carlisle, Mass.								
		Carrie E. Richardson ..	Hollis. ....						48 65		
3	C. S. Dunbar .....	C. S. Blake .....	Mason .....	3	24	26	23	7 55	183 63	16 19	29
		J. F. Sparrell .....	Groton, Mass.								
4	F. D. Sargent .....	C. F. Hayden .....	Hollis. ....	3	24	24	17	8 00	423 65	27 25	23
		Clara E. Colburn .....	Hollis. ....	3	28	26	22	7 00			27
		Celia A. Hobart .....	Brookline. ....	1	14	4	4	6 00	82 56	2 37	1 50
5	P. J. Burge .....	G. E. Batchelder .....	Milford .....	2	18	16	9	6 50	121 28	7 11	41
6	N. B. Hutchinson ....	Lizzie H. Hutchinson ..	Brookline. ....	1	9	6	5	6 50	54 32	2 37	1 08
7	F. F. Wright .....	Abbie Flagg .....	Hollis, .....								

